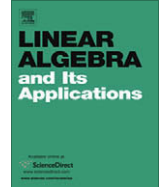


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## The generalized Drazin inverse with commutativity up to a factor in a Banach algebra

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we investigate an explicit representation of the generalized Drazin inverse  $(a \pm b)^d$  in terms of  $a, a^d, b$  and  $b^d$  under the condition  $ab = \lambda ba$  or  $ab = aba$  and extend to Banach algebras recent results of C.Y. Deng.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a complex Banach algebra with the unit 1. By  $\mathcal{A}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{nil}}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{qnil}}$ , we denote the sets of all invertible, nilpotent and quasinilpotent elements in  $\mathcal{A}$ , respectively. Let us recall that the Drazin inverse of  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  [5] is the element  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  (denoted by  $a^D$ ) which satisfies

$$xax = x, \quad ax = xa, \quad a^{k+1}x = a^k, \quad (1)$$

for some nonnegative integer  $k$ . The least such  $k$  is the index of  $a$ , denoted by  $\text{ind}(a)$ . When  $\text{ind}(a) = 1$ , the Drazin inverse  $a^D$  is called the group inverse and it is denoted by  $a^\#$ . The conditions from (1) are equivalent to

$$xax = x, \quad ax = xa, \quad a - a^2x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{nil}}. \quad (2)$$

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The concept of the generalized Drazin inverse in a Banach algebra was introduced by Koliha [10]. The condition  $a - a^2x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{nil}}$  from (2) was replaced by the condition  $a - a^2x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{qnil}}$ . Hence, the generalized Drazin inverse of  $a$  is the element  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  (written  $a^d$ ) which satisfies

$$xax = x, \quad ax = xa, \quad a - a^2x \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{qnil}}. \quad (3)$$

The Drazin index  $\text{ind}(a)$  of  $a$  is the nilpotency index of  $a - a^2b$  if  $a - a^2b \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{nil}}$  and  $\text{ind}(a) = \infty$ , otherwise.

We mention that an alternative definition of the generalized Drazin inverse in a normed algebra and a ring is also given in [7–9]:

**Definition 1.1** (Definition 7.5.2 [8]). An element  $a$  of a normed algebra  $A$  is quasipolar if there exists idempotent  $p \in A$  such that

$$ap = pa, \quad p \in (Aa) \cap (aA) \quad \text{and} \quad a(1 - p) \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{qnil}}. \quad (4)$$

**Theorem 1.1** (Theorem 7.5.3 [8]). If  $A$  is a normed algebra and  $a \in A$  is quasipolar, then the idempotent  $p$  of Definition 1.1 is unique, lies in  $\text{comm}^2(a)$  and there is the unique  $b \in A$  with

$$ab = ba = p, \quad b = bp = pb.$$

Furthermore,  $b \in \text{comm}^2(a)$  and we called it the generalized Drazin inverse of  $a$ .

In [9] the definition of quasipolar is extended to general rings:

**Definition 1.2** (Definition 5 [9]). An element  $a$  of a ring  $A$  is quasipolar if there exists  $b \in A$  such that

$$b \in \text{comm}^2(a), \quad ab = (ab)^2, \quad a(1 - ab) \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{qnil}}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\text{comm}^2(a)$  denotes the double commutant of  $a$ . An element  $b$  satisfying (5) and  $b = ab^2$  is called a Drazin inverse of  $a$ .

The other version of the conditions (4) is given by Lemma 2.4 [10]:

**Theorem 1.2.** In a ring  $A$  with unit, an element  $a$  has a Drazin inverse  $a^d$  if and only if there is an idempotent  $p$  commuting with  $a$  such that

$$ap \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{qnil}} \quad \text{and} \quad a + p \in \mathcal{A}^{-1}.$$

The Drazin inverse  $a^d$  is unique and is given by

$$a^d = (a + p)^{-1}(1 - p).$$

These two concepts of generalized Drazin inverse are equivalent in the case when the ring is actually a complex Banach algebra with the unit. It is well-known that  $a^d$  is unique whenever it exists [10].

The set  $\mathcal{A}^d$  consists of all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $a^d$  exists.

Let  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and let  $p \in \mathcal{A}$  be an idempotent ( $p = p^2$ ). Then we write

$$a = pap + pa(1 - p) + (1 - p)ap + (1 - p)a(1 - p)$$

and use the notations

$$a_{11} = pap, \quad a_{12} = pa(1 - p), \quad a_{21} = (1 - p)ap, \quad a_{22} = (1 - p)a(1 - p).$$

Every idempotent  $p \in \mathcal{A}$  induces a representation of an arbitrary element  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  given by the following matrix:

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} pap & pa(1 - p) \\ (1 - p)ap & (1 - p)a(1 - p) \end{bmatrix}_p = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}_p. \quad (6)$$

Let  $a^\pi$  be the spectral idempotent of  $a$  corresponding to  $\{0\}$ . It is well-known that  $a \in \mathcal{A}^d$  can be represented in the following matrix form:

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}_p,$$

relative to  $p = aa^d = 1 - a^\pi$ , where  $a_{11}$  is invertible in the algebra  $pAp$  and  $a_{22}$  is quasinilpotent element of the algebra  $(1-p)\mathcal{A}(1-p)$ . Using that representation, the Drazin inverse of  $a$  is given by

$$a^d = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_p,$$

where  $a_{11}^{-1}$  is the invertible element of  $a_{11}$  in subalgebra  $pAp$ .

## 2. Results

The following result is proved in [11] for matrices, extended in [4] for a bounded linear operators and in [1] for arbitrary elements in a Banach algebra.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  and let*

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}_p \quad \text{and} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ c & a \end{bmatrix}_{1-p}$$

*relative to the idempotent  $p \in \mathcal{A}$ .*

- (1) *If  $a \in (pAp)^d$  and  $b \in ((1-p)\mathcal{A}(1-p))^d$ , then  $x, y$  are generalized Drazin invertible and*

$$x^d = \begin{bmatrix} a^d & u \\ 0 & b^d \end{bmatrix}_p, \quad y^d = \begin{bmatrix} b^d & 0 \\ u & a^d \end{bmatrix}_{1-p}, \quad (7)$$

*where  $u = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{n+2} cb^n b^\pi + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^\pi a^n c (b^d)^{n+2} - a^d cb^d$ .*

- (2) *If  $x \in \mathcal{A}^d$  and  $a \in (pAp)^d$ , then  $b \in ((1-p)\mathcal{A}(1-p))^d$  and  $x^d$  is given by (7).*

Next lemmas will be very useful in proving our main results:

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $ab = \lambda ba$  and  $ab \neq 0$ . Then*

- (1) *There is equality:  $(ab)^n = \lambda^{-\frac{(n-1)n}{2}} a^n b^n = \lambda^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} b^n a^n$ .*

- (2) *If in particular  $a$  is invertible, then*

$$(a^{-1}b)^n = \lambda^{\frac{(n-1)n}{2}} a^{-n} b^n = \lambda^{-\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} b^n a^{-n}, \quad (8)$$

*and similarly if  $b$  is invertible.*

- (3) *If either  $a$  or  $b$  is quasinilpotent, then  $ab$  is quasinilpotent also.*

- (4) *If both  $a$  and  $b$  are quasinilpotent, then  $a + b$  is quasinilpotent also.*

**Proof.** (1) The proof of (1) is induction.

- (2) Substitute  $a^{-1}$  for  $a$  in (1).

(3) We consider two cases:  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  and  $|\lambda| > 1$ . In the both of the cases, using the part (1), we get that  $\|(ab)^n\|^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence,  $ab$  is quasinilpotent.

(4) Let  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  be such that  $j$  of them are equal to  $a$  and  $n-j$  are equal to  $b$ , for  $0 \leq j \leq n$ . Using that  $c_1 c_2 \cdots c_n = \lambda^s b^{n-j} a^j$ , for some  $0 \leq s \leq j$ , in the case when  $|\lambda| \leq 1$  and that  $(ab)^n = \lambda^{-k} a^j b^{n-j}$ , for some  $0 \leq k \leq n-j$ , in the case when  $|\lambda| \geq 1$ , we have that

$$\|(a+b)^n\| \leq \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} \|a^j\| \|b^{n-j}\|.$$

For  $0 < \varepsilon < \min\{\|a\|, \|b\|\}$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow \|a^n\| \leq \varepsilon^n \quad \text{and} \quad \|b^n\| \leq \varepsilon^n.$$

Now, for  $n \geq 2n_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(a+b)^n\| &\leq \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} \|a^j\| \|b^{n-j}\| \\ &= \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n_0} + \sum_{j=n_0+1}^{2n_0-1} + \sum_{j=2n_0}^n \right) \binom{n}{j} \|a^j\| \|b^{n-j}\| \\ &\leq (2\varepsilon)^n \max \left\{ \frac{\|a\|}{\varepsilon}, \frac{\|b\|}{\varepsilon} \right\}^{n_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $a+b$  is quasinilpotent.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  be such that  $a$  is invertible,  $b$  is quasinilpotent and  $ab = \lambda ba$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Then  $a-b$  is invertible and

$$(a-b)^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} a^{-(i+1)} b^i. \quad (9)$$

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.1,  $a^{-1}b$  is quasinilpotent which implies that  $1 - a^{-1}b$  is invertible. We have that

$$a-b = a(1 - a^{-1}b)$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} (a-b)^{-1} &= (1 - a^{-1}b)^{-1} a^{-1} \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{(i-1)i}{2}} a^{-i} b^i \right) a^{-1} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} a^{-(i+1)} b^i, \end{aligned}$$

i.e. (9) holds.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}^d$ . If  $ab = \lambda ba$  and  $ab \neq 0$ , then

$$(1) \quad a^d b = \frac{1}{\lambda} b a^d,$$

$$(2) \quad ab^d = \frac{1}{\lambda} b^d a.$$

**Proof.** (1) Denote  $aa^d$  by  $p$ . First, we will prove that  $p$  commutes with  $b$ . Since,

$$pb - pbp = pb(1-p) = p^n b(1-p) = (a^d)^n a^n b(1-p) = \lambda^n (a^d)^n b a^n (1-p),$$

we get that

$$\|pb - pbp\|^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

i.e.  $pb = pbp$ . Similarly, we prove that  $bp = pbp$ . Hence,  $pb = bp$ .

Now,

$$ba^d = bpa^d = pba^d = pbpa^d = \lambda a^d baa^d = \lambda a^d pb = \lambda a^d b.$$

The proof of (2) is analogous.  $\square$

The following theorem and Theorem 2.2 present a generalization of Theorem 2.3 from [3]:

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}^d$ . If  $ab = \lambda ba$  and  $ab \neq 0$ , then

$$(ab)^d = b^d a^d = \frac{1}{\lambda} a^d b^d.$$

**Proof.** If  $a^d = 0$  then  $a \in \mathcal{A}^{\text{qnil}}$  and Lemma 2.1 (3) applies. If  $a^d \neq 0$ , then  $a = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 \end{bmatrix}_p$ , for  $p = 1 - a^\pi$ , where  $a_1$  is invertible in the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_1 = p\mathcal{A}p$  and  $a_2$  is quasinilpotent element of  $\mathcal{A}_2 = (1 - p)\mathcal{A}(1 - p)$ . Let  $b = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix}_p$ . By Theorem 2.2, we have that  $b$  commutes with  $aa^d$ , so  $b_{12} = 0$  and  $b_{21} = 0$ . Denote by  $b_1 = b_{11}$  and  $b_2 = b_{22}$ . Since  $ab = \lambda ba$ , it follows that  $a_i b_i = \lambda b_i a_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Now,

$$a^d = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_p \quad \text{and} \quad b^d = \begin{bmatrix} b_1^d & 0 \\ 0 & b_2^d \end{bmatrix}_p.$$

Let us prove that

$$(a_1 b_1)^d = b_1^d a_1^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda} a_1^{-1} b_1^d. \quad (10)$$

Since  $a_1 b_1 = \lambda b_1 a_1$ , we have that  $b_1^d = (\lambda a_1^{-1} b_1 a_1)^d = \frac{1}{\lambda} a_1^{-1} b_1^d a_1$ . Hence,  $b_1^d a_1^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda} a_1^{-1} b_1^d$ .

Now, we prove that  $(a_1 b_1)^d = b_1^d a_1^{-1}$  by a direct verification of (1) using the fact that  $(a_1 b_1)^k = \lambda^{\frac{-(k-1)k}{2}} a_1^k b_1^k$ .

By Lemma 2.1 (3), we have that  $a_2 b_2$  is quasinilpotent, i.e.  $(a_2 b_2)^d = 0$ .

Now, we conclude that

$$(ab)^d = \begin{bmatrix} (a_1 b_1)^d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_p = \begin{bmatrix} b_1^d a_1^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_p = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda} a_1^{-1} b_1^d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_p.$$

Hence,  $(ab)^d = b^d a^d = \frac{1}{\lambda} a^d b^d$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}^d$ . If  $ab = \lambda ba$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then  $a - b$  is generalized Drazin invertible if and only if  $c = aa^d(a - b)bb^d$  is generalized Drazin invertible. In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} (a - b)^d &= c^d + b^\pi \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} (a^d)^{i+1} b^i \right) \\ &\quad - \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} a^i (b^d)^{i+1} \right) a^\pi. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

**Proof.** As in the proof of Theorem 2.3, we have that  $a = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 \end{bmatrix}_p$  for  $p = 1 - a^\pi$ , where  $a_1$  is invertible in the algebra  $p\mathcal{A}p$  and  $a_2$  is quasinilpotent element of  $(1 - p)\mathcal{A}(1 - p)$ . Also,  $b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}_p$  and  $a_i b_i = \lambda b_i a_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Let us suppose that  $b_2^d \neq 0$  (the case when  $b_2^d = 0$  is trivial). Then we have that  $b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} b_2' & 0 \\ 0 & b_2'' \end{bmatrix}_{p'}$  relative to  $p' = 1 - b_2^\pi$ , where  $b_2'$  is invertible in the algebra  $p'\mathcal{A}p'$  and  $b_2''$  is quasinilpotent element of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Also,  $a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_2' & 0 \\ 0 & a_2'' \end{bmatrix}_{p'}$ , where  $a_2', a_2''$  are quasinilpotent and  $a_2' b_2' = \lambda b_2' a_2'$ .

First, we will show that  $a_2 - b_2$  is generalized Drazin invertible. From Lemma 2.2, we conclude that  $a_2' - b_2'$  is invertible in subalgebra  $p'\mathcal{A}p'$  and

$$(a'_2 - b'_2)^{-1} = - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} (a'_2)^i (b'_2)^{-(i+1)}.$$

Since  $a''_2$  and  $b''_2$  are quasinilpotent, we deduce that  $a''_2 - b''_2$  is generalized Drazin invertible and  $(a''_2 - b''_2)^d = 0$  (by Lemma 2.1 (4)). Hence,  $a_2 - b_2$  is generalized Drazin invertible by Theorem 2.1.

Now, the generalized Drazin invertibility of  $a - b$  is equivalent to the generalized Drazin invertibility of  $a_1 - b_1$ .

As in the first part of the proof, let us suppose that  $b_1^d \neq 0$  (the case when  $b_1^d = 0$  is trivial). Then,  $b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} b'_1 & 0 \\ 0 & b''_1 \end{bmatrix}_q$  relative to  $q = 1 - b_1^\pi$ , where  $b'_1$  is invertible in the algebra  $q\mathcal{A}q$  and  $b''_1$  is quasinilpotent element of  $(1 - q)\mathcal{A}(1 - q)$ . Similarly, we get that  $a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a'_1 & 0 \\ 0 & a''_1 \end{bmatrix}_q$ , where  $a'_1, a''_1$  are invertible in subalgebra  $q\mathcal{A}q$  and  $(1 - q)\mathcal{A}(1 - q)$ , respectively and  $a'_1 b'_1 = \lambda b'_1 a'_1$ ,  $a''_1 b''_1 = \lambda b''_1 a''_1$ . By Lemma 2.2, we have that  $a''_1 - b''_1$  is invertible in subalgebra  $(1 - q)\mathcal{A}(1 - q)$  and

$$(a''_1 - b''_1)^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} (a''_1)^{-(i+1)} (b''_1)^i.$$

Hence, generalized Drazin invertibility of  $a - b$  is equivalent to generalized Drazin invertibility of  $a'_1 - b'_1$ .

Using the representation introduced above, we can conclude that the generalized Drazin invertibility of  $c$  is equivalent to the generalized Drazin invertibility of  $a'_1 - b'_1$  also. Hence,  $a - b$  is generalized Drazin invertible if and only if  $c = aa^d(a - b)bb^d$  is generalized Drazin invertible.

The formula (11) follows easily by the calculation using the above representations.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}^d$  be such that  $ab = \lambda ba$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

(1) If  $\sigma(ba^d) = \{0\}$ , then  $a - b$  is generalized Drazin invertible and

$$\begin{aligned} (a - b)^d &= b^\pi \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} (a^d)^{(i+1)} b^i \right) \\ &\quad - \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} a^i (b^d)^{(i+1)} \right) a^\pi. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

(2) If  $1 \notin \sigma(ba^d)$ , then  $a - b$  is generalized Drazin invertible and

$$\begin{aligned} (a - b)^d &= a^d(1 - ba^d)^{-1}bb^d + b^\pi \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} (a^d)^{(i+1)} b^i \right) \\ &\quad - \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} a^i (b^d)^{(i+1)} \right) a^\pi. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

(3) If  $1 \in \sigma(ba^d)$ ,  $d = 1 - ba^d$  is generalized Drazin invertible,  $\text{ind}(d) = 1$  and  $a^2 b^d d d^\# = d^\# d a^2 b^d$ , then  $a - b$  is generalized Drazin invertible and

$$\begin{aligned} (a - b)^d &= a^d d^\# d a b^d d d^\# b a^d + a^d d^\# b a^d b b^d \\ &\quad + b^\pi \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} (a^d)^{(i+1)} b^i \right) \\ &\quad - \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} a^i (b^d)^{(i+1)} \right) a^\pi. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

**Proof.** (1) If  $\sigma(ba^d) = \{0\}$ , using the representations introduced in the proof of Theorem 2.3 and some spectral properties, we get that  $b_1^d = 0$ . Now,  $c = aa^d(a-b)bb^d = 0$  and from (11), we get that (12) holds.

(2) If  $1 \notin \sigma(ba^d)$ , then  $1 - ba^d$  is invertible. Using the representations introduced in the proof of Theorem 2.3, we get that  $a_1 - b_1$  is invertible in algebra  $pAp$ . Now,

$$c^d = \begin{bmatrix} ((a_1 - b_1)b_1b_1^d)^d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_p \quad \text{and} \quad a^d(1 - ba^d)^{-1}bb^d = \begin{bmatrix} (a_1 - b_1)^{-1}b_1b_1^d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_p.$$

Since  $a_1$  commutes with  $b_1b_1^d$ ,  $c^d = a^d(1 - ba^d)bb^d$ . Now, from (11), we get that (13) holds.

(3) Using the representations introduced in the proof of Theorem 2.3 and straightforward calculations, we get that

$$c^d = a^d d^\# dab^d d^\# ba^d + a^d d^\# ba^d bb^d.$$

From (11), we get that (14) holds.  $\square$

**Remark.** If  $ab = \lambda ba$ , it follows that  $\sigma(ab) = \lambda\sigma(ba)$ . Now,

$$\sigma(ba) \cup \{0\} = \lambda\sigma(ba) \cup \{0\}.$$

When  $\lambda^2 \neq 1$ , set  $\sigma(ab)$  is finite if and only if  $\sigma(ba) = \{0\}$ , i.e.  $ab$  is quasinilpotent.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  be such that  $b$  and  $1 + b$  are generalized Drazin invertible,  $a$  is invertible and  $ba = b$ .

(1) If  $b(1 + b)^\pi = 0$ , then  $1 + b$  is invertible and

$$(a + b)^{-1} = a^{-1}(1 + b)^{-1} = a^{-1} - a^{-1}b(1 + b)^{-1}.$$

(2)  $a + b$  is generalized Drazin invertible if and only if  $1 + b$  is generalized Drazin invertible. Moreover, we have  $\text{ind}(1 + b) = \text{ind}(a + b)$ ,  $(ab)^d = ab^d$ ,

$$(a + b)^d = a^{-1}(1 + b)^d + \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^{-(i+2)} b^\pi a(1 + b)^i \right) (1 + b)^\pi \quad (15)$$

and

$$(a + b)(a + b)^d = (1 + b)(1 + b)^d + (1 + b)^d \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^{-(i+1)} b^\pi a(1 + b)^i \right) (1 + b)^\pi. \quad (16)$$

**Proof.** (1) From the generalized Drazin invertibility of  $b$ , we have that  $b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}_p$ , for  $p = 1 - b^\pi$ , where  $b_1$  is invertible in algebra  $pAp$  and  $b_2$  is quasinilpotent element of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Now, since  $b_2$  is quasinilpotent, it follows that  $1 + b_2$  is invertible in algebra  $(1 - p)\mathcal{A}(1 - p)$  and  $b(1 + b)^\pi = \begin{bmatrix} b_1(1 + b_1)^\pi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_p$ . Hence,  $b_1(1 + b_1)^\pi = 0$ . From the invertibility of  $b_1$ , we conclude that  $1 + b_1$  is invertible in the algebra  $pAp$ , so  $1 + b$  is invertible in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Now,

$$(a + b)^{-1} = ((1 + b)a)^{-1} = a^{-1}(1 + b)^{-1} = a^{-1} - a^{-1}b(1 + b)^{-1}.$$

(2) As in the first part of the proof, we have that  $b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}_p$ , for  $p = 1 - b^\pi$ , where  $b_1$  is invertible in algebra  $pAp$  and  $b_2$  is quasinilpotent element of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $a = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_2 \end{bmatrix}_p$ . From  $ba = b$ , we have that  $a_1 = p, a_3 = 0, b_2a_4 = 0$  and  $b_2a_2 = b_2$ . Now,  $a + b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + b_1 & 0 \\ a_4 & a_2 + b_2 \end{bmatrix}_p$ . Since  $a_2 + b_2 = (1 + b_2)a_2$  and  $1 + b_2 \in ((1 - p)\mathcal{A}(1 - p))^{-1}$ , we have that  $a_2 + b_2$  is invertible and

$$\begin{aligned}(a_2 + b_2)^{-1} &= a_2^{-1}(1 + b_2)^{-1} \\ &= a_2^{-1} - a_2^{-1}(1 + b_2)^{-1}b_2.\end{aligned}\quad (17)$$

So the generalized Drazin invertibility of  $a + b$  is equivalent to the generalized Drazin invertibility of  $1 + b_1$  which is equivalent to the generalized Drazin invertibility of  $1 + b$ . Furthermore,  $\text{ind}(1 + b) = \text{ind}(a + b) = \text{ind}(1 + b_1)$  (it could be  $\infty$ ).

Using Theorem 2.1, we get that

$$(ab)^d = \left( \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & 0 \\ a_4 b_1 & a_2 b_2 \end{bmatrix}_p \right)^d = \begin{bmatrix} b_1^{-1} & 0 \\ a_4 b_1^{-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}_p = ab^d.$$

Also, by Theorem 2.1 and (17),

$$(a + b)^d = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 + b_1 & 0 \\ a_4 & a_2 + b_2 \end{bmatrix}_p \right)^d = \begin{bmatrix} (1 + b_1)^d & 0 \\ u & (a_2 + b_2)^{-1} \end{bmatrix}_p,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( (a_2 + b_2)^{-1} \right)^{n+2} a_4 (1 + b_1)^n (1 + b_1)^\pi - (a_2 + b_2)^{-1} a_4 (1 + b_1)^d \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( a_2^{-1} \right)^{n+2} a_4 (1 + b_1)^n (1 + b_1)^\pi - a_2^{-1} a_4 (1 + b_1)^d.\end{aligned}$$

Since,

$$a^{-1}(1 + b)^d = \begin{bmatrix} (1 + b_1)^d & 0 \\ -a_2^{-1} a_4 (1 + b_1)^d & (a_2 + b_2)^{-1} \end{bmatrix}_p$$

and

$$\left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{-(n+2)} b^\pi a (1 + b)^n \right) (1 + b)^\pi = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_2^{-(n+2)} a_4 (1 + b_1)^n (1 + b_1)^\pi & 0 \end{bmatrix}_p$$

we get that (15) holds. Similarly, we get (16).  $\square$

Using the same method of proof as in Theorem 2.6, we can prove the following result:

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}^d$  be such that  $aa^d b$  and  $aa^d(1 + b)$  are generalized Drazin invertible. If  $ab = aba$ , then  $a + b$  is generalized Drazin invertible if and only if  $1 + b$  is generalized Drazin invertible. Moreover, we have  $(ab)^d = a^\pi aba^d (b^d)^2 + a^2 a^d b^d$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b)^d &= A^d + B^d - B^d b A^d + \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (B^d)^{n+2} b a a^d (a + b)^n \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( a a^d (1 + b)^\pi - a a^d (1 + b) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{n+1} b^\pi a (1 + b)^n \right) \right) \\ &\quad + \left( a^\pi - b b^d \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (b^d)^n a^n \right) a^\pi \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a + b)^n a^\pi b (A^d)^{n+2} \right),\end{aligned}$$



where

$$A^d = a^d(1+b)^d + \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a^d)^{n+2} b^{\pi} a(1+b)^n \right) a a^d(1+b)^{\pi}$$

and

$$B^d = b^d \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (b^d)^n a^n \right) a^{\pi}.$$

Using Corollary 2.3 [2], we get the following result:

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  be generalized Drazin invertible. If  $a^d b = 0$  and  $aba^{\pi} = 0$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)^d &= a^d + B^d - B^d b a^d + \left( a^{\pi} - b b^d \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (b^d)^n a^n \right) a^{\pi} \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a+b)^n a^{\pi} b (a^d)^{n+2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$B^d = b^d \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (b^d)^n a^n \right) a^{\pi}.$$

The following corollary is a generalization of Theorem 2.1 [6] for matrices and Theorem 2.3 [4] for bounded operators:

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  be generalized Drazin invertible. If  $ab = 0$ , then*

$$(a+b)^d = b^d \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\text{ind}(a)-1} (b^d)^n a^n \right) a^{\pi} + b^{\pi} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\text{ind}(b)-1} b^n (a^d)^n \right) a^d.$$

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